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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP AFSP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: HOTEL SPACE IN RIYADH

1. EMBASSY INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT ROYAL DIWAN WILL BE UNABLE ASSIST US IN OBTAINING LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN RIYADH FOR ADVANCE PARTIES AND EMBASSY STAFF, TOTALING AROUND THIRTY OR MORE PERSONS.
2. SAME SITUATION EXISTED LAST VISIT AND WE HAD PEOPLE CAMPED IN MILITARY BILLETS AND PRIVATE VILLAS AROUND TOWN. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE ASKED PERSONS NEEDED DURING LAST VISIT TO STAY IN JIDDA (700 MILES DISTANT) OR DHAHRAN 200 MILES DISTANT AND ARRIVE AND DEPART RIYADH DAY OF SECRETARY'S STAY. (THIS INCLUDED PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE.)
3. WE EXPECT GREATER LEDGING DIFFICULTIES DURING UPCOMING VISIT. MILITARY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE TO EXTENT OF LAST VISIT, AND SIMILAR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM OWNERS OF PRIVATE VILLAS THERE.
4. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT PREVIOUSLY, HOTEL SITUATION IN RIYADH IS SO CRITICAL THAT WE KNOW OF BUSINESSMEN SLEEPING IN TAXIS. DEPARTMENT SHOULD THEREFORE CAUTION ALL OFFICIAL

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VISITORS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PROCEED TO

RIYADH WITHOUT FIRST INFORMING EMBASSY AND (USDEL RIYADH  
WHEN ACTIVATED) AND RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT  
LODGINGS ARE AVAILABLE.

5. IN VIEW FOREGOING, AND ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SURE  
WE CAN ARRANGE IT, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO USE ALL MEANS  
OF PERSUASION TO OBTAIN BLOCK OF TWENTY HOTEL ROOMS  
UNDER LEASE ARRANGEMENT FOR ONE WEEK FROM MAR 12 TO 19 OR UNTIL  
SECRETARY FINALLY DEPARTS AREA (IF LATER THAN 19TH)  
TO ACCOMMODATE ANTICIPATED NEEDS AND  
ENSURE THAT WE HAVE SOME PLACE FOR OUR PEOPLE TO  
BED DOWN AT NIGHT, DOUBLING UP AS REQUIRED. THIS  
WILL BE CLOSTLY, BUT CONSIDERING OTHER EXPENSES BEING  
INCURRED THIS VISIT, PRESUME DEPARTMENT CAN FINANCE  
CHARGING SPECIAL ACCOUNT. ESTIMATED COST PER DAY  
(LESS THAT AMOUNT PAID BY PERSONS RECEIVING PER DIEM)  
\$600. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS ADVISE FUNDS CITATION.  
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